

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS

The Amendment and Remarks filed January 24, 2006 are incorporated herein by reference. The Applicants wish to supplement their remarks in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, as follows.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-100 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,678,611 to Khavakh et al., of record.

The Applicants' claimed invention is a method, system and apparatus for enabling users to create customized user interfaces that allows a user to create user interfaces on the fly. The user interface is logically structured as a node map, wherein nodes may be added to the node map in accordance with the user's needs. The nodes may be interconnected to define relationships between the different nodes. The nodes may have an attachment, an action, an application and/or the like associated with each node. The user may customize, alter or expand the information depicted on their user interface by adding, or deleting, or modifying the nodes. This feature is claimed in the Applicants' independent claims 1, 23, 53, 75, and 100, the dependent claims that depend on these claims, and in new claims 101 – 104.

The Khavakh et al. reference cited by the Examiner discloses a route calculation navigation tool based on a geographical map database, wherein the nodes in the database are physical locations that will never change, because they are inherently immutable physical locations. (See Khavakh at col. 4, lines 40-50.) The Khavakh et al. reference discloses that a user can input a starting location and a destination location and the route calculation navigation tool will calculate waypoints by accessing the coordinates of the immutable physical nodes from

the map database and assign them as milestones along the computed route. (See Khavakh at col. 9, lines 1-67.) However, there is never a change that the user can possibly make to the immutable physical nodes in the map database, because they are inherently not changeable.

Accordingly, the Applicants' claimed invention in independent claims 1, 23, 53, 75, and 100, the dependent claims that depend on these claims, and the new claims 101 – 104 are patentably distinct from Khavakh et al. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), since Khavakh does not disclose all of the elements claimed for the Applicants' claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of the application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4030. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4030. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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